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ATTN: BOX PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(c) is the patent application of:

INVENTOR(s): Thomas Ritchey

FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING  
DISSIMILAR MATERIALS

Enclosed are:

- [X] Provisional Application Cover Sheet (Small Entity) (2 pgs.);
- [X] Eight (8) pages of specification;
- [X] Nine (9) sheets of Informal Drawings;
- [X] Fee Transmittal for FY 2001 (1 pg.);
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

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## Complete if Known

Application Number	To be assigned
Filing Date	Filed herewith
First Named Inventor	Thomas Ritchey
Examiner Name	To be assigned
Group Art Unit	N/A
Attorney Docket No.	1180561-991140

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- ☒ Charge Any additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17  
☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid	
101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	75
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)				75.00	

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
19	-20** = 0	X 18	= 0
Independent Claims	2	-3** = 0	X 80 = 0
Multiple Dependent		X 0	= 0

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
				** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
110	18	210	9	

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0.00

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid	
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	11	0240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Sheets	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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# PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT COVER SHEET (Small Entity)

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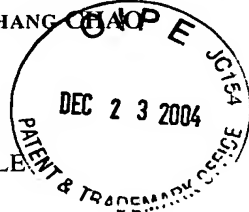
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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:  
SERIAL NO.: 10/617,786

HUNG CHANG CHAO



FILED: July 14, 2003

FOR: BREAK APART BICYCLE

GROUP ART UNIT: 3611

EXAMINER: Anne Marie M. Boehler

ATTY. REFERENCE: CHAO3021/EM

## COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee, if any, has been calculated as shown below:

Fee Basis	Number of Claims After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Small Entity	Full Fee
Total Claims	4	- 20 <sup>1</sup>	= -0- <sup>3</sup>	× \$ 25 =	× \$ 50 =
Independent Claims	2	- 3 <sup>2</sup>	= -0- <sup>3</sup>	× \$100 =	× \$ 200 =
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Proper Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$180 =	+ \$360 =
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>-0-</b>	

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- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$225.00 in payment of the extension of time fee** is attached.
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